



saluation is wholy myne . Strengthen  
this faith in me dayly more and more  
I may inwardly feele comfort & con-  
fession in this , that I feele thy holy si-  
beare recorde vnto my spirite , that  
sby chylde , grafted into the bodye of  
sonne, and made with him fellowe by  
thy euerlasting kingdome . So wor-  
me by thy holy spirit, that dayly more  
more I may feele synne dye in mee,  
do not deligght therein , but daylye  
grome vnder the burthen thereof : I  
hate, detest, and losse sinne, set my  
all the pouers of my soule against  
and haue my full delight , ioye , com-  
and pleasure in those thinges whiche  
agréable to sby wyll, that I maye  
as becommeth the chyldren of lyght  
king wyll so; that good syme, when  
please thee to call mee to thine end-  
ing kingdome and ioy eterna  
this in mercie graunt vnto  
mee, for Iesus Christes  
sake , my Lord  
and Savour.  
Amen.

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# **GODLY**

**Private Praiers, for**

**Houshoulders to medi-**

**ditate vpon, and to**

**Lape in ther**

**Families.**

**Mark. ii. 24.**

**I**KN<sup>W</sup> haſ ſo euer ye deſire wher  
ye praie, beleeue that ye ſhall  
haue it, and it ſhall bee done  
unto you.

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**Rom. io. 13.**

**¶**Who ſo euer ſhall call upon the  
name of the Lord, ſhall bee  
ſaved.

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*Psal.55. verfe.16.*

*YI DOD*

I wyll call vnto G  
and the Lorde wyll  
mee : Euening and m  
ning and at noone w  
praie and make a no  
and hec wyll heare  
voice.

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housholders, to be sayde  
in their famillies.

prayer contayning the effect of  
the Housholders Catechisme.

A  
I mighty God, and  
most mercifull father, I  
see in thy blessed Lawes  
and commaundementes,  
the greatnesse of my sinne  
wickednesse: Yea, I see (O Lord my  
the whole course of my lyfe to ha  
t nothing els, but a continual bre  
f thy holy lawes and commandme  
tes. The thoughtes of my harte (epe  
vanitie, or els open wickednesse)  
number infinite , dayly in the ac  
aunce of them, causynge my mouth  
ke, and my body to execute, and dw  
ry to thy holy wyll . And againe  
orde) I see thy heauy wrath, venger  
and iudgement against sinne to be  
rable , that euuen the least wicked  
t & most secret cogitation of my  
procureth thy heauy wrath , and  
king curse, the tormentes of hell.

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and everlasting fire, even although I  
but once in all my lyfe broke any of  
commaundementes, so much as once  
thought. And I know (O Lord God) thou art true and iust, and canst not ab-  
sinne and wickednesse, but wilt iust  
punish euerie sinne, even with the sa-  
me tormentes of hell which thy iust-  
dash appointed, even so; euerie sinne.  
This O Lorde my God, throweth me  
downe, and even amazeth mee, so that  
knowe not what to do. I looke into  
my selfe, bewyng mine own power, whether  
I am able to overcomis this punishment  
of my sinne or no: and I see that all  
the most exquisite punishment whiche  
can devise to my selfe, in whipping of  
body as long as I lyue, wearing ha-  
cloth, pineing my selfe with fassing, or  
ny other paine, I see, I see (O Lorde)  
all this punishment is not sufficient  
one of my least sinnes, because it de-  
ueth even the cuerlasting paines of hell.  
I looke to heauen, I see there is no man  
no Angell able to abide & overcome  
punishment of sinne: I looke to men  
this woorlde, even to the Popes freare  
that wicked man of sinne, and I see

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If her his masse nor purgatorie, pilgrimage, pardons, penance, satisfactiōs, nor  
y of such lyke wicked Russo, alas I fin  
y are nothing for the satisfying for one  
my least wicked thoughtes, saing the  
punishment is due by the iust dcre and  
sentence, thy eueraſting curse. Whereso  
e I am driven out from my ſelfe, and  
that I can do, to ſeeke this punishment  
charged other wher, or else to quall  
der the burthen. I ſee there is no helpe  
mē in Angels, Saints, nor moſt fall  
en, but onely in that perfect man Christ  
Ias thy dāre ſonne, in whom I ſee the  
punishment of my ſinne wholly payd,  
iſued, discharged, & ouercome: death  
iquished, the paines of hell in victoyr  
alowed vp, the curse ſatisfied, and the  
ernitie of the punishment ( through his  
eueraſting power) ouerreached. This I  
(O Lorde) by the eyes of faith, being  
ough thy holy ſpirite, wholly assured,  
t all the whole punishment of ſinne  
d by my Sauour Christ, is not onely  
d for other men, but even also for me  
y ſinne. This assurance of my faith  
ng thine onely worke in mē, I beseech  
e in mercy to ſtrengthen and increase,

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For I feele it often full of wafering and  
doubting. Graunt that I may daily more  
and more in my soule and conscience, se  
my selfe knit and grafted into the body  
thy sonne, whereby I may be assured,  
whatsoeuer he hath done, pertayneth  
me, and is fully and wholly mine: that  
may through the power of his death,  
daily sinne bye in mee, and thorough  
power of his resurrection feele my so  
rysen from synne, to haue my full ioye  
comfort in those thinges which be agree  
able to thy holye wyll, utterly detest  
hating, and abhorring from my harte  
things, which be contrary to thy wyll  
pleasure: that euen in this lyfe I ma  
styll loke for this endlesse ioye & felici  
tysing the things of this woorlde, as thou  
I vsed them not, styll that good time tha  
shall please thee to call mee to thine et  
lasting Kingdom of glorie, there to raigne  
with my Lord and Saviour Jesus Ch  
rist euer and euer. Amen.

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A prayer vpon the Lordes prayer. bswclah  
spelte myghtye Lorde and eternall Our f<sup>r</sup>  
God . who hast by thy deere Sonne ther which  
Christ Iesu our Lord and Saviour, arte in  
incled vnto thy selfe all things in hea- Heaven,  
and earth , and in him hast made an  
lasting bondy and couenant with vs  
faithfull children , that thou wylt not  
be our God, but also our most louing  
mercifull Father, wherof as a pledge  
hast gauen vs thy holye Spyrite of  
conse, whereby we may with boldnesse  
full trust and confidencie come to thy  
erty prayer, as vnto our most louing &  
cifull Father , being assured that thou  
l not denie vs any thing which thou  
west shalbe expedient for vs : grant  
beseeche thee ( deare Father ) that we  
ing fully perswaded in our harts of this  
fatherly loue and affection toward vs,  
be be styrred vp to make our peticions  
such an affection, ardent desire, loue &  
treunce to thy Maiestie, y our mindis be  
caried away with by thoughts creeping  
ut without al wandring may be fully  
& attentive to the shing we aske, and  
stayde vpon thy mercifull and iuste  
ection.

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Halowed  
be thy  
name.

We then beseech thee (deere Father  
Iohn Iesu) strengthen our hearts with  
holie spirit, that considering thou  
madest all things for the glory of thy n  
so the man in all our doings, enterpr  
counsels and purposes, chiefly about  
things seke thy glory; that we may  
acknowledege thee not only y<sup>e</sup> Author  
althings, but the ruler, guider and go  
nour of althings, both in heauen & e  
that we never diminishe thy incom  
bensible Glory, by attributing unto  
selues any power, strength or abili  
t<sup>t</sup>, wyl, or thinkē that which is good  
from our partes we may acknowledg  
our goodness to come from thee, y<sup>e</sup> wel  
for the same continually praise & tha  
giving to thy glorioius Name: that  
never by distrusting thy mercisull pi  
dence, dishonour thy Name, but that  
in our greatest distresse we maye pot  
ful confidence in thee, not looking vpon  
weakenesse, but staping vpon thy po  
t promises, by hartie prayer fleeing  
thee our ouer ready refuge: that our whole  
maye be so framed according to thy  
wyl in al points, that thy glorioius N  
ame in vs maye be sanctified, and that we be

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thy  
hol  
y Name be bla  
ed through our wicked life and con  
tion.

that thy Kingdome come (most merci  
father) appeare, and manifestly bee  
red in all the worlde, but especially  
giff thy Church, and faithfull flocke:  
re thy selfe Lord & King over them,  
g them by the scepter of thy holys  
& force of thy holy spirite. Encreas  
umber of faithfull Pastors & Prea  
amongst the people: blesse they la  
to the increase of this Kingdom of  
ere son Jesus Christ, & to the destruc  
f the kingdom of satan & antichrist.  
blesse the rage of the enemies, that  
nay know that thou, O Lorde, doest  
e in all ages, to the behoife of thy  
ch and ferrour of thine enemies.  
nt these mercies good Lorde, not  
o the whole Church in general, but  
ally to euery one of vs thy Children  
ularly: graunt that we may effec  
tue the force of this thy kingdome  
hantes. Beate downe in vs our  
rapt Adam, with al sinfull delights,  
ts, motions, and desires: and re  
n vs day by day our spirituall and  
inward

Thy king  
dom come.

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inward man, that we may be wholly  
to delight, thinke, desire, & do those things  
which be acceptable in thy syght.

*T*hy will bee done in such humble obedience to thy holy  
earth as it that we may be hartely well contented  
is in Hea[n]e. Whatsoever it pleaseth thy goodnesse to  
men.

Frame our hertes ( god Lord )  
upon vs: that we never cease in our  
series, but continually call vpon thy  
harty praiers, although we feele no rea-  
son at all, yet that syll patiently weare  
abyde, and quietly wayte for thy good  
surs and appointed tyme of deliverance.  
When thou knowest it shalbe most exp-  
ent for vs.

*Gene vs  
this daie  
our dailie  
bread.*

Graunt vs, deare Father, that all  
counsels, studies, labours, & endeuors  
ing by thy holy spirit guyded & framed  
may euery one in that vocation in which  
thou hast placed him, so faithfully traue-  
to the discharging of our consciences,  
edifying of thy Church, that our account  
may be found acceptable before thy thone  
& Judgement seate. So blesse our labo-  
and travells, that we may haue suffi-  
cie for the preseruing of this present lyfe,  
be content with those benefites whiche  
thou shalt bestowe vpon vs, whether

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ly or se we, acknowledging them to  
ryued of that : not greedily to cars  
m, or vainely to delight in them, but  
fullie esteeme of them , as thy bene-  
estowed vpon vs, and as faythfull  
ardes moderately to use them, to the  
e of our brethren, and the discharge of  
consciences.

crease in vs (good Lord) the gyfte of Forcenc  
that we may daily moze and moze vs our  
soules and consciences be assured, trespasses  
ur finnes be defaced , cleane blotted as we for-  
nd couered with the full, perfect, and gene them  
iet sacrifice of thy deere Sonne Christ that tres-  
our Loerde and Sauour once made passe a-  
s:that we are united,knyt, and made gainst vs.  
ody with him, partakers of his righ-  
nesse, iustification, and holynesse, and  
fellowe heyrres with him of euerla-  
lyse : that we may vnsafinedly front  
stome of our hartes loue thee for this  
unspeakable goodnesse and mercie:  
ueing from our hartes our brethren  
h de offend vs, pray for them, loue,  
h, and comfort them as fellow men-  
all of one body, with perfect naturall  
e compassion lynked together to our  
Christ Iesu.

Strengthen

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Leade vs  
not into  
temptati-  
on.

¶ Strengthen vs , good Lord , with  
holy spirit, that we be not overcome  
the subtle suggestions and sinnesol-  
tions of Satan the Devil : holde  
with thy mercisoll hande that we  
not in sinnes, that we be not drawen  
with the wicked worlde , nor the em-  
ments of the flesh , to delighte in wil-  
ness : but so armie vs with thy mig-  
power , that we may strongly abyde  
the assaultes and subtle sleightes o-  
ghostly enemy, and sincerely to walk  
soare thy face , both in prosperite & an-  
uerlite , to thy honour and glorie  
health of our soules , and profit of  
Church, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord and Saviour. Amen.

## The Lordes prayer more at large

Our fa-  
ther which  
art in  
Heauen.

¶ Poste mightye and eternall  
who of thine infinite loue for  
kinde, hast given vs thine own  
eternal Sonne Chylde Iesa our Lord  
be made man for vs , in the similitu-  
sinnesfull flesh, to become flesh of our  
bone of our bones, in all thinges like  
to vs, syntone onelye excepted : who be-

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us and natural sonne, hath made vs  
him, sonnes, children, and beyzes to  
ur most mercifull Father, geuing  
vs by grace, y<sup>e</sup> which is his by natur:  
y<sup>e</sup> his due, alone, once offered, suffici-  
crosse, hath payd the ransome de-  
nnes before thy diuine Maiestie, to  
re thy iustice vpon sinfull fleshe.

ch debt being payde for vs, he hath  
ggi<sup>t</sup> vs in fauour with the<sup>r</sup>, so that  
may nowe with boldnesse and trutte  
to thee as unto our most mercifull &  
ng Father, with full assurance, that  
y<sup>e</sup> loue is se much greater and mo<sup>r</sup>  
ent toward vs, then al loue of earth-  
arentes towardes their children, as  
passeth al men in godnesse and mer-  
so thou wylt denie vs nothing which  
be expedient for vs. So that al-  
gh al the fathers whiche are in earth,  
ng shaken off all feeling of fatherly  
ralnesse, woulde forfiske their chyl-  
yet thou wouldest never forfiske vs,  
use thou canst not denie thy selfe:  
promisest, that if earthly fathers be-  
ayl, can geue god gifte to their chil-  
how much mo<sup>r</sup>e wylt thou our hea-  
e Father, being altogether godnesse

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it selfe, geue good things to them that  
in thy Sonnes name: And that all  
a Mother shold forsake her chylde  
wylfe shou not forsake vs thy Chylde  
In home thou hast before the beginn  
the world in thy dære Sonne Iesu C  
chosen to be thy children and heyre  
him of thine immortall kingdome. W  
of that we in our selues might be sur  
certaine, and out of all doubt that in  
the children and heyres of everlasting  
thou hast geuen into our hartes thy  
Spypite, as a true pledge and earnest  
our inheritance, which Spypite doth  
our spires that we are thy chylde  
therefore cryeth in our hartes, Abba  
ther.

Alle luia therefore as thy dære chylde  
raunsomed and boughte by thy  
Sonne, alle to thee our most louing  
mercifull Father, who is goodness  
infinite, in mercye abundant  
substaunce incomprehensible, in  
mortalisie everlasting: who by thy  
tie power and singular prouider  
lest all thinges, according to thy heare  
wisdome: beseeching thee for thy

*Hallowed  
be thy  
name.*

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Christe Iesus his sake, that as thou  
sufficiently sette forth thy glorious  
e in making the whole worlde, bea-  
earth, and all thinges therein contain-  
to we may in beholding and viewing  
creatures the workes of thine handes,  
ested vp to thee our Lorde God the  
our and Maker, and in them, glori-  
by holy Name, acknowledging in  
thy syngular goodnesse and loue to  
es man, for whose vse thou hast crea-  
ll thinges, both in Heauen and earth:  
hat we maye for the same, euен from  
offome of our hertes, yelde due ho-  
, prayse and thankesgeuing to thee  
( Father) all the dayes of our lyfe.  
nt moste mercifull Father, that wee  
in harte and minde be fally assured,  
thou by thy Heauenlye prouidence  
and guidest all thinges in Heauen &  
so that nothing in the whole worlde  
th to passe but according to thine ap-  
ment: that shou guidest & framest the  
es and doings of men, that thou hast  
their harts & all their powers in thy  
ful hand, to turne the whiche way soe  
schemeth best to thy godly wisdom: so  
that

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that whether we bee in prosperite  
uersitie, we maye acknowledgē b  
them to be thy wo:ke in vs, and ther  
be no leſſe thankfull for sicknesse than  
health: for ſorowe, then for comfort  
troubled minde, then for a quiet: ſo  
prifonment and banishment, then  
erty: especially ſeeing we know  
thou furniſhē them al (ſee me they na  
sharp) to the comfor:te and commode  
thy childrēn which ſcarē therē: and th  
all thinges which ſhall befall unto  
whether they be greuous or ioyous,  
perity or aduertiſty, life or death, thy  
Name maye be ſanctiſed in vs by y<sup>e</sup>  
due and continuall praise and thank  
to thy eternall Maiestie: that we  
ceafe to put our full truſt and confi  
in thy mercy, who haſt p̄miſſed to be  
defender, buckler, and ſhielder, to kee  
as the apple of thine eye, to deliue  
when we call vpon therē, to open when  
we knock, to geue when we aske, th  
knowing our owne weakeſſe, th  
our ſclues we haue no power or ſtre  
ſo do, no not ſo much as to will that it  
is god, we maye acknowledge al  
ſtrenght, comfor:te, ioy, faith, loue,

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confidence to be thine onely gyft and  
in vs . And for the same, and the  
se of the same , and for all thy bene-  
vs , whereof we fale our selues  
ute, we maye constauntly flee vnto  
p harty prayet, requiring the same  
mercifull hande . And having felt  
erifull dealing towardes vs , wee  
allway to the ende of our lyfe conti-  
thankfull to thy blessed Name : that  
uer speake or thinke of thee ( O Lord  
without high reurence and an obe-  
feare vnto thy glorious Name .

nd that thy kingdoime ( O Lord) may  
gloriously shine amongst men , sub-  
the hartes of the people to be obedient  
worde . Lyghten all Nations with  
glorious Gospell : rayse vp faithfull  
ters of thy worde , abountdauntly in  
place , who with pure and perfect  
in true knowledge maye fede the  
rie soules with the foodc of lyfe . Ligh-  
the hartes of thy chyldren , whome yet  
haste not called to the felling of thy  
ies in thy sonne Revealed . Beate  
the surie and rage of the Kingdome  
tan and antichrist with all tyraunts ,  
the we theyz vster malycy and sorie

*Thy king-  
dom come.*

W. i. against

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against thy deere and faithfull flocke.  
sonnde their deuises, supprese their p  
and so strengthen all thy true & fayt  
seruantes against theyr rage , that  
may haue true wisdome to confound  
enemyes, and steadfast constancie to  
fesse the truthe of thy glorioius gospel,  
to the death. And that every one of vs  
feele the force of this thy kingdome pa  
cularly in our selues. We beseeche the  
in vs, by thy holy spyrte , all wicked  
lights of sinne, and vanities of this i  
Mortyfie in vs our earthly & carnala  
tions, & graunt that we may haue ou  
delyght and pleasure in thee our heare  
Father, and in thy Sonne Christ Iesu  
Lord and Sauioz, and reverently em  
thy holy Woorde, that our soules may  
comfoeted therein , and our faith tha  
confirmed . Lighten our vnderstanding  
that we may in thy holy Woorde le  
and in hart be fully assured that thou  
our most mercyfull Father: and thy  
Sonne, our Lord and Sauour . P  
downe in vs all sinnefull motions of  
aduersary, which do rebel against thy  
spyrte, and settle and frame our my  
by thy holy spyrte in vs, that all reb

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ur flesh being kylled, we may quicly  
stayed myndes and consciences, set  
ull toye, comforste, and consolation in  
enly thinges, walkyng before thee in  
rifye of mynde: put our full trust and  
vence in thee, rest & quyet our selues  
in thy myghty protection and p[ro]te  
nce.

And forasmuche ( O Lorde God ) as Thy will  
our selues we bee nothing but stubber- bee done in  
and rebellyon, we beseeche thee (d[omi]ne earth as it  
er) that as thine Angels in heauen is in Hea-  
yllinglye obeye thy Wyll without wen,

taunce, so wee thy chyldren in earth  
tubbernesse and peruersnesse, by thy  
sp[irit]e, in vs being vsterlyc extyn-  
ed and quenched) we may wyllingly  
yt our selues, resigne and yelde our  
affections to thee O Lorde, to bee  
urned after thy blessed and heauonly  
l. That wee maye feele in our selues  
per motion of desyre, then a meete-  
nt to thy holy Wyll: that whatso-  
affections in vs fight against thy holy  
thou wilt vterly make them voide.

we never wyll any thing of our sel-  
ut that thy holy Sp[irit]e in vs maye  
ne our harkes, by whome inwardlys

W.ii.

being

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being taught, we may learne to loue,  
brace, and take comforste in those thi-  
that please ther, and to hate those thi-  
that displease thee: That our harts, mi-  
and wylles , being wholy subdued to  
most blessed Wyll, we may wylling  
content with that estate of life , whi-  
pleaseth thy goodnesse to exercise vs w-  
in this world, whether it be in aduersitie  
prosperitie , in sicknesse or health, in  
minie or glorie, in quietnesse or troubl-  
sorrow or gladnesse. Graunt vs, deere  
ther, this wylling and patient minde,  
even in our greatest distresse we may  
content with thy good wil, and not tor-  
mure or grudge against thy Maiestie,  
wring that thou wilt lay nothing vpon  
but that which shal turne to our god-  
or profit. And that we may patiently  
whatsoever it shall please thee to lay  
vs : that we bee assured in our han-  
that thou wilt not laye more vnto vs,  
thou wilt geue vs strength to beare,  
even in our greatest afflictions, wilt  
a waye for our deliueraunce, and that  
power & strength is more fullye decla-  
when we seele our selues utterly boy-  
al strength, and see no way of deliuera-

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we maye in our mooste grievous as-  
s. conflicts, and anguish of minde, sub-  
our selues wholly to thy blessed will, &  
so; our deliverance at thy hand, wher  
knowest it shalbe most expedient so,  
and most for thy glorie, leaning the  
and meane of deliuerance to thy good  
l. and pleasure, and that in the meane  
we never cease but call vpon thee, by  
the prayers continually as thou hast  
commanded, vntill such time as thou shalt  
receive our petitions. And although after  
many and sundrie callings vpon thee, thou  
shew not to regarde vs, but rather deale  
extremely with vs : yet notwithstanding  
thy strength, strengthen vs so with perceue-  
nce in praier, that we faint not, but sti-  
ll new in praier, being assured, that al-  
though we feele our selues nothing releas-  
ed yet we maye quiet our selues herein,  
as thy children haue layd our com-  
fetes, grieves and sorowes in the bos-  
om of thee our heavenly Father, who  
as a louing Father, when he seeth it  
conuenient, helpe vs . And that al-  
thou saimest nothing to graunt our  
wts, yet we honour thee in calling up-  
on thy Name : seeing thou doest accept it

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as a most chiefe honour , to be called  
in the day of trouble.

*Gene vs  
this daie  
our dailie  
bread.*

¶ And sozasmuch (deere Father) as  
doest by thy mighty power, nourish,  
sustaine, preserue, and maintaine al  
luring creatures, yea, euен the verye  
fowles and beasts, we beseech thee to  
vnto vs thy chyldren, (ouer whom  
hast a moze speciaill care) all thinges  
cessary for this our present life : that  
hauing sufficient, may walke every  
in our calling, in sinceritie and pure  
nesse before thy face , acknowledgyn  
our benefites of richesse, wealth, hea  
meate, drinke, apparell , and all our  
stance to bee thy mere gifts. bestowed  
pon vs , and deliuered vnto vs from  
hands: that wee bee not drawen from  
throught setting our mindes to much  
them , but so moderately vse them, as  
benefites for a time bestowed vpon  
knowing that thou wille at our ta  
require an accompte howe wee haue  
them. That wee doe not carefully ga  
sake after them, but discretely to thy  
ry vse them , acknowledging in them  
goodnesse and liberallity towards vs  
seing (most mercifull Father) that

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or trauel, labo<sup>r</sup>, paines, studie, or en-  
gagement whiche is able to get vs our living,  
only insomuch as it please thy goodnesse  
to blesse & prosper them: we beseeche  
thee that if through our great travayles &  
troubles, we be yet styll in poure and meane  
nesse, that thou wyl geue vs a contented  
knowing that therby thou lefft vs  
to stande, that it is thy good wyl & plea-  
sure to keepe vs vnder , that wee more  
eualy maye geue our selues to serue  
D<sup>e</sup>; if it be thy wyl and pleasure more  
dauntly to blesse vs & our trauaille, to  
vs abundance of al things, we beseech  
d<sup>e</sup>re Father ) geue vs a thankefull  
to acknowledge them to be thy good  
nesse: & frame our harts with such libera-  
tione that we may be contented to distribute  
according to the necessity of thy chil-  
dren, being assured y<sup>e</sup> thou hast to that end  
vs Stewarde over them, that thou  
at his hands require much, on whom  
thou hast bestowed much: so y<sup>e</sup> we hauing  
no estimation of thy benefites which  
ought to haue, may both reverence thy  
nesse in thy benefites, and supplye the  
f<sup>e</sup> of our brethren, to the relieve of their  
necessite, and furtheraunce of thy glory.

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Forȝeue  
us our  
trespasses  
as we for-  
ȝeue them  
that tres-  
passe a-  
gainst us.

And whereas(most mercifull sa-  
thy Sonne,our Lord and Sauour  
Jesus hath in our nature payde the  
same and debt of all our sinnes; whiche  
haue from the beginning of our lyfe  
mifted, & do daily commit, we beseech  
gracious goodnesse that thou wilte by  
holy spirite in our harts, assure our soules  
and consciences with a lively faith, that  
that same one alone sufficiēt sacrifice  
punishment of our sinnes is payed,  
wrath appeased, and thy iustice satisfied  
Whereby our consciences may be quiet  
& set at pece with thee our mercifull  
ther and God . Let vs dare Father,  
in our soules and consciences, that we  
be united and knit to thy dare Sonne I  
Christ, and made one body with him;  
heyres with him of euerlasting glorie,  
coupled and ioyned with him, that we  
members of his body, so that whatsoeuer  
he hath done in his body, we may beare  
red that it is ours: that his righteousness  
is our righteousness; his sanctification  
holynesse is ours: the curse, condemnation  
and death which he suffered, is the same  
curse, condemnation, and death due  
our sinnes: that we knowing ȳ our sinnes

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ne away , and cleane forgotten & for-  
gottē by thy mercifull loue and goodnesse  
weare, in offering vp thy sonne to death  
, we maye be driven to loue thee vn-  
dly from the bottome of our hartes  
is thine vnspeakable loue. And con-  
ting that thou hast in mercy pardoned  
ny our hainous offences , wee maye  
ye bee moued to forgeue one another  
offences, & put out of our hart al ranc-  
halice, & hatred toward our brethren,  
ing that we are all members of one  
Ch̄ist our Sauour:that so surely as  
ane forgeuen all them that offendē  
st vs, we may be so certainly assured  
ur mercifull Father, hastē forgen  
yke as wee haue forgeuen our Bre-  
thren.

d forasmuch(most heauenly Father) Leade vs  
e of our selues be feble, frayle, and not into  
e, and haue a strong & subtile aduer, temptation,  
satan the deuill , who goeth about but delinor  
ually lyke a roaring Lion , seeking vs from  
ne he maye deuour: we beseeche thee euill.  
gthen vs by thy holy spirite, that we  
withstande his subtile suggestions &  
ns : holde thou vs by thy mercifull  
and keepe vs alwaies in thy safegard  
and

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and protection, that we bee not ouercom  
in the mighty assaultes of our aduersary.  
And forasmuch as he often beth eten ou  
owne fleshe armed against vs, to conquer  
vs, we beseech thē deere Father, moste  
subdue and kyll in our fleshe all subtile  
suggestions, and sinfull motions of satan,  
that wee yelds not our selues as slau  
therevnto, but continuallye fight again  
them, & bring them into subiection of the  
spyrte. Graunt vnto vs, deere Father,  
that we be not drawne through the subti  
lytie and stielie tormentes of satan, to haue  
our delight and pleasure in the vanities  
of this present worlde, but by thy Grace  
mighty and power, may so in the prosperity  
of this lyfe be vpholden, that our minds  
with full ioy and comfort maye be lyshted  
up to our perfecte consolation in our Lord  
and Saviour Ch̄rist, and in him, take ou  
ful and perfect ioy and consolation, so that  
no vaine delight of this worlde put vs from  
the same, neither any sharpe aduersitie,  
pouerty, miserie, or calamitie, throught  
malice of the devyll, drive vs to dispayre  
of thy mercifull godnesse towards vs, but  
alwayes being through thy grace and  
assurance defended, we maye be fully an  
swere

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erfectly armed against all the subtylē in-  
rappings of satan, and reste wholy in thy  
mercifull defence and ayde. For thou hast  
O Lord and eternal God) in thy gouern-  
ment, all things in heauen and earth, all  
ower and dominion ouer all creatures,  
angels and diuels, to rule them according  
to thy god pleasure and wyll, to the profit  
and commoditie of thy Churche, and eue-  
y faithfull member thereof, and to thine  
wone incomprehensible glory: in all ages:  
or ever and ever thy gloriouſ name may  
be exalted, and thy faithfull flocke edyfied  
þrough Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A confession of finnes with faith  
and repentaunce.

O Mercifull and heauenly Father, we  
thy seruautes do humbly prostrate  
ur selues before thy Maiestie, acknowledg-  
ing here in thy sight our haynous of-  
fences commyfted against thy Maiestie,  
þing & beholding thy heauy wroath against  
hem: we feele our selues ladē (O Lord our  
God) with a huge company of horrable  
sins, wherof euē the very least, being but  
onceyued in thought, is sufficiēt in iudges-  
ment

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ment to throwe vs downe to the eu-  
ning burning lake. Our owne cōscience  
O Lorde , do beare witnesse against vs,  
our manifold transgressions of thy bles-  
law, of our security & sencelesse blindnes-  
rūning headlong to destruction, committin-  
sin after sin, although not notorious to  
worlde, yet horriblie before thine eye. The  
thoughtes of our hartes ryse vp in iudg-  
ment against vs : the vanitie of our talk  
before thy Maiestie condemneth vs : the  
wickednesse of our dædes from thy sight  
reiecteth vs : all our wycked thoughtes  
wordes and dædes, with the inward con-  
ruption of our nature , do altogether as-  
were a whole lumpe and lode of sinne,  
heauy vpon vs, and with their intollerab-  
le weight, do euен p̄esse vs downe to hell.  
We do daily groane vnder the burthen  
of them, inwardly lamenting our owne fol-  
so greedily running into them. In heauen  
earth, or hell, we see none able to sustain  
the weight of them , but euен thy deare  
beloued sonne Jesus Christ, who in mere  
infinite , and compassion endlesse, hath  
payned & overcome that endlesse punish-  
ment due unto them : in him therfore  
him, most mercifull Father, and throned

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In we come to thee , being fully assured  
cording to thy promise , that thou wylt  
cept & take that full recompence which  
e thy d̄ere sonne hath made for vs , as a  
te rausome for the sinnes of all those  
ho with a true faith take holde on him.  
n him therefore wee see thine anger fo-  
ardes vs appeased , thy wrath satisfied,  
nd our debtē payde .

Increase in vs , good Lord , we beseeche  
ee , this lively and faling faith , for we  
le it oftentimes in vs very weake , and  
ubled with many doubtes : increase it  
vs (O Lord) that we maye through thy  
ly spirit be assured , that the punishment  
our sinnes is fully in thy sonne dischar-  
ed . Make vs , O Lord our God , to feele  
is same in our soules & consciences , that  
esus Christe is ours , and all that he hath  
one : that we are grassed into his body , &  
ade one with him , and therefore fellowe  
yres with him of everlasting life . Let  
not onelye haue these wordes in our  
outhes (good Lord) but through thy holy  
pyrite let vs feele the comfort of them in  
r hartes fully sealed & settled in vs : that  
e feeling our selues inwardly before thy  
gement scate discharged , and our con-  
sciences

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sciences towardes thee appeased, may  
swallowed vp with an vnfayned loue  
warde thy heauenly Maiestie, & toward  
our brethren for thy sake. Make sinne  
dye in vs dayly more & more, that we  
hate, detest, and vtterly abhorre all sin  
wickednesse in all men , but especially  
our selues : that we may strongly throu  
thy holye Spyrite set our selues in o  
warre and defiance against all sinnes  
wickednesse:that we please not our self  
in our sinnes, but straightly examining  
by the iust rule of thy holye Lawes ,  
may vtterly from the bottom of our ha  
condemne even the least sinne in our  
ues, hauing our whole ioye , comforta  
consolation vpon those thinges which  
agreeable to thy blessed wyll , alwayes  
ing afraide to do any thing contrary to  
same:that we may euuen from the botton  
of our harts, examine & trye our thought  
before thy presence , that they bee vpright  
and vnfaigned, not hypocritall in outward  
shew onely and appearance, but that eu  
all corners of our harts being opened  
disclosed before thee , wee maye even  
though it were openlie before the face  
the whole wold bring them in shew  
knowing

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wing that a double harte is detestable  
vaine eyes: and that we may walke al-  
ways as before thine eyes, not onely be-  
fore the eyes of man, being more carefull  
to walke circumspechy, in this respect, that  
haue thee to be a viewer of our doings,  
voues and sond more then the eyes of man:  
thus we may walke as becometh thy  
dren, not onely in outward shew, but  
in sinceritie of harte, abhoyring euery  
east sinne in our selues, stryving, re-  
ning and fighting against sinne, not de-  
ting our selues in sinne, nor nourishing  
same in our brest, but earnestly em-  
ploying, and studiously seeking after those  
gs whiche be pleasant in thine eyes:  
neyther the feare of man, nor losse of  
es, lyfe, landes, possessions, or friends  
ve vs awaie from thee, to do any least  
g contrary to thy wyll & pleasure: nei-  
ther the fauor or friendship of man, nor yet  
flattering enticements of this world,  
the vaine promotions of the same do  
e vs any whyt from the true and end-  
ioye, delyght and pleasure which was  
t to haue in those thinges which be-  
reable to thy wyll, and the constaunte  
perfor.

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performance of the same: but y alway  
to the ende of our life we may continuall  
thy pathes, growing and increasing in  
faith to faith , from strength to strength  
yll at length we shall come to thy ever  
king rest, Amen.

A prayer for the estate of the  
*whole Church.*

O Lord our God and heauenly Father  
forasmuch as by thy holy wordes  
are commaunded in our prayers not onely  
to be mindfull of our selues, but also of  
others thy children , yea euен of our ene  
mies : we commend vnto thy divine  
iustie all thy whole true and catholique  
Church, & every member thereof: that  
it hath pleased thy goodnessse by thy  
beames of thy holy word, to shine ouer  
whole world, whereby thou hast expell  
driven away, & caused to vanish the darke  
and mistie clowdes of ignorance and  
perstition, so thou wouldest vouchsafe  
thy holy spirite to touch the hartes of men  
that they may ioysfully embrase that which  
so high a treasure sent amongst vs , though  
through our unthankfulness we prouide  
not thy Maiestie in anger to take it fra

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. Crush, bruse, & destroy with the breath  
thy mouth, the mighty power of that man  
sinne, which so proudly exalteth him selfe  
one all that is called God . Let not thy  
ngle flocke (deere Father) in whose consci-  
ces be of long tyme bath, and yet doeth lyf  
God , bee any longer poysoned with his  
oate enticeing poysons: but so lightē their  
urts, that they may perceue his iuglings,  
d embrace the swete & comfortable doc-  
ine of lyfe euerlasting , revealed in thy  
gloious Gospell.

And forasmuch as it bath pleased thee in  
mercy aboue all Nations of the earth , to  
wre downe y swete showers of thy hea-  
nly Graces vpon this our English nation  
oundantly,in more plentiful wyse, wate-  
ring the same with the gyftes of thy holy  
yyrie, in promosing thy Gospell, & ouer-  
owing idolatry, we beseech thee continue  
fauer towards the same, & utterly roote  
t all remnaunts, reliques & monuments  
idolatry, that thy Gloious Name maye  
throughly exalted, in sincere, pure, and  
ly worshippe. And as thou hast in mercy  
amongst vs in this thy Church, utterly  
nished all false, venomous and poysonfull  
ctrine, wherewith the soules of thy Chyl-

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vpon heretofore haue beene wounded to deale  
and in place thereof hast placed the true and  
comfor-table doctrine of lyfe euerlasting  
wherewith the soules of thy Chyldren  
fedde and nourished to euerlasting joye:  
in lyke mercy and sauour we beseeche thine  
dare Father , establishe in the same the  
Church, a true, perfect, & sincere regim  
thereof, according to the prescripte rule  
thy blessed W<sup>m</sup>ord , all fantasies of man  
braine, and dreames of humaine policie  
terly abolished: that thy gloriouse Maiest  
only may be exalted in the lyght of thy gl  
oriouse gospel: and that thy Church may ri  
she and increase, being through thy pro  
tection ayded, supported, maintained  
defended: we beseech thee by thy holy spirit  
guide and rule every part & member the  
of, especiallye thy seruaunt Elyzabeth  
Muene, whome thy gratiouse sauour  
mercifull prouidence hath appointed a chie  
member in the same: vnder whose wing  
next vnto thy protection it hath a chiese  
cour and support. Graunt vnto her, O Lo  
a pure and perfect zeale, aboue al thinges  
promote thy Glorie: first and chiefly in  
bouring and endeavouring of her selfe cu  
nestly in wyping away and purging ou

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by Church all blots and deformities, to reduce the same to a pure & sincere fourme of worship, agreeing to thy blessed Word, verely to remoue al stumbling blocks which lay & hinder the course of thy Gospel: gine  
enlyke manner O Lord, the spirit of wisdom, discretion, and government, that  
with equitie and Justice she maye see this  
whole Realme, whiche thou hast committed  
to her charge, peaceably & quietly gouerned:  
that she may studiously labour, that as well  
as oughe the whole Realme vertue be exal-  
ted, and vice abandoned: especially in her  
workhouse and Court, that al wicked vani-  
ties of this world, al tycentious and inordinate  
life, al flattering & dissimulation being  
utterly banished, the feare of thy Glorios  
patrone may so raigne in the hartes of all  
within her Palace & Court, that their lynes  
conuersation may be agreeable to thy bles-  
sdyng, in sincerite and true holiness, in  
gritte of life, that from them, as from the  
eadayng shyn purity of lyfe, & conuersation  
an example & patterne of true godlinese  
the whole Realme. Preserue her, we be-  
ache the godlye Lorde, from all conspiracies  
and treasons, that if it bee thy godly wyl, shes  
maye haue a long and quiet raigne ouer vs.

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to the benefitte of thy Churche, & the aduancement  
of thy glory. Adme the whole counse  
good Lord, with true and perfecte wisedome,  
that in all their consultations and counses  
having thee present before their eyes, they  
maye consult of those thinges whiche pri  
mally & chiefly maye be for the aduancement  
of thy glory, & the commodity of the Churche  
and next so, the quiete peace & gratiouse  
uernment of this Realme. So lyghten  
inferior Magistratees of this Realme, ye  
Lord, with the brightness of thy holy spyr  
that understanding thy wyll, they maye  
louely defende, maintaine and further  
course of the Gospell with the sworde of  
stice, cutte off the wicked, and cherishe  
godly. Defende and gouerne by thy holy spirite  
the Pastours of thy Churche, and labour  
in thy vineyard, that they maye zelously,  
nestly and diligently feede thy flocke con  
mitted unto them, with the foode of lyfeth  
blessed wo:de, wherewith their soules may  
be nourished to Life Euerlasting. Ver  
the number of them, deere Fathers place  
over eury flocke a godly, learned and pa  
full Pastor, who maye painfully & carefull  
trauayle enrye one in his charge, to by

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by people (which nowe alas in most partes  
wander and go astray lyke lost sheepe) to  
the true knowledge of theire Lord and  
Saviour , and of thy deere sonne Christ Iesu  
their Saviour . And for thy mercy , wee  
beseech thee, to take pittie upon thy poore and  
simple flocke, roote out all rauening wolves,  
which haue craftily crept into the sheepefold  
and do make hauocke of the soules of thy  
simple flocke. Cast out all hyzelinges, tymo-  
ruers, & dumbe dogges, which to syl their  
ellies only, haue thrust them selues among  
thy sheepe , & do Pittifullly suffer the flocke of  
Christ thy Sonne, to be devoured and scat-  
tered of the Wolfe. Stirre vp, good Lord, and  
lace in their roomes faithfull shepheards,  
which diligently, painefullly, carefully and  
earnestly may labour in thy vineyard, seeke  
to winne the soules of thy people, out of the  
pranry and power of satan, to the frædome  
of thy deere sonne Christ Iesu our Lord.

And that thy Church may better be furni-  
shed with godly learned Pastors, we beseech  
thee to prosper & increase in all godly know-  
ledge, all Schooles of learning, especially the  
two Universities, Cambridge, & Oxforde:  
graunt deers Father, vnto all the studentes  
the same, that the chiese ende of all their

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studyes maye be to the furtheraunce of thy  
Church, and mayntenaunce of the common  
wealth. Bleste their studyes, d<sup>r</sup>e<sup>r</sup> Father,  
that all waine studyes set asyde, they may  
fructifie in all profitable and godly sciences,  
that hereafter they may become profitablie  
members in thy Church, & godly vpholden  
of the common wealth.

Graunt, god Lord, to al the whole Com  
mons of this Realme, that they hartes be  
ing touched with a sincere feare and reu  
rence of thy heavenly Maiestie, acknowledg  
ing thy mercie in placing ouer them a god  
lye Princesse, they maye every one in they  
callings, walke in all true and humble obe  
dience unto her, in thee and for thee without  
resistaunce, tumults, insurrections, conspi  
racies, or rebellions: knowing that to resist  
the higher powers, is to rebell against thy  
Maiestie. Finally we beseech thy goodness  
so guide and governe the hartes of all the  
whole Realme of enyre degree, that every  
one in his calling, being by thy grace sup  
ported, may so occupie his Talent, that the  
Glorie in all thinges maye bee adua  
ced, thy Churche enlarged, and this whole  
Realme into sincere godlynnesse vertuously  
reduced.

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Moreover we beseech thee (O Lord our God) in mercy to behold al those which suffer persecutiō for thy glorious words sake, whether it bee imprisonment, death, or banishment, or whatsoeuer else : strengthen the good Lord, that they having thee alwaies before their eyes, and the glory layde up for them in þ life to come, may continue constāt defending thy truth, without feare of man's baine allurements of þ world, that whether it come by life or death, they may glorify thy holy name in continuing in the truth to the ende . Preserve in lyke manner we seach thee, al others thy children, whome it shall please thee with any other kind of crosses chasten for their amendment, whether by exile, famine, warre, pouerty, imprisonment, sycknesse or banishment, trouble of conscience, vexation of spirite, disquietnesse of mind, want of spiritual comfort, or whatsoeuer kinde of affliction of body or mindes, thou dost trye them with: þ by thy holy spirit being fully assured, þ thou by this thy correction mindest to cal them back to a feeling of their sinne, & due consideratiō of their life conuersion, that they may patiently abide thy Fatherly tryall, looking for ayde, helpe & comfort from thee, when it seemeth most cor.

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conuenient to thy godly wisedome i and  
ing by thy mercifull hande once delyuern  
may acknowledge thy singular power an  
woरke, geueing all laude and prayse to th  
gloriosus Name : and afterwardeſ, all  
dayes of their life, studie and liue before th  
in sinceritie and perfecte holynesse, euen  
theyr lyues ende . Amen.

**M**orning prayer for priuate houses  
and Families.

**O** Gracious God , and louing Father  
according to thy commaundement  
we do here p̄esent our selues before  
thy Maiestie, humbly prostrating our selues  
before the throne of mercy, acknowledgi  
ng & confessing from the bottome of our hart  
that we bee myserable sinners , dayly br  
king thy commaundements, both in thought,  
word, and deede, wherein we justly deserue  
everlasting damnation , and so bee benn  
thowne from thy presence : yet, O Lord  
we see thy goodnesse againe towardes us  
who not suffering vs thus to perish in  
sinnes , hast sent thine owne dare Son  
Jesus Christ, to take vpon him whatsoev  
er is due , to reconcile and make vs at

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With thee againe : In him therefore , god  
Lorde , and through him do we come unto  
thee, beseeching thee for his sake, that we see-  
ing the greuousnesse of our sinnes , and  
being vnder the burden of them , maye  
see the release and ease of them,in that we  
through thy holy spirite assured, and sted-  
ily beleue , that Christe hath borne the  
burden of them,even for vs . Grant , L  
orde , that we being assured hereof in our  
consciencies , may through thy holy Spirite  
renewed in the inner man , to hate, de-  
fend and abhorre sinne , and to studie to lyue  
according to thy blessed wyll duringe our  
whole lyfe.

Wee do not onely praye for our selues,  
but also for all thy wholie Church,especially  
such as haue persecuted for thy woorde: grant  
to them , that whether it bee by death or  
else, they may glorie thy Name to theyr  
ies ende . Bee mercifull to this Churche  
Englannde and Irelannde, we beseech thee  
Lorde , and preserue euery parte and  
ember of the same, especially thy seruant  
Elizabeth our Queene : graunt her all  
thy giftes as be nevefull for so bigh a tal-  
king,to the aduauncement of thy gloriy, and  
benefite of this common wealth, to the pessa-  
chising

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blishing of a perfecte gouernement of  
Churche , according to the prescript rule  
thy blessed woorde , to the rooting out of  
superstition and reliques of antichrist ;  
the gouerning of her Subjectes in all pa-  
and tranquillitie . Defende her , O Lord  
from all conspiracies , treasons , and rebel-  
lions , and so worke in the hartes of all  
Subjectes , that knowing her authority do  
come from thy heauenlye Maestie , they  
maye with obedient hartes humbly obey  
her in thee and for thee . Preserue the whole  
Counsell & the Magistrates of the Realm  
that being lyghtened through thy holy Sp-  
rite , they may defende thy trueth , suppre-  
wyckednesse , and maintaine equitie . Beholde  
all the Pastours and Preachers  
the Woorde , blesse theyr labours , increas  
the number of them , place ouer every  
Churche a painefull watchman , remoue  
idle Lubbers , and confounde the power  
antichriste , and turne the hartes of the  
people that they maye be obedient to thy  
trueth . Blesse the twoo Uniuersities  
Cambridge and Orforde , and all the stu-  
dientes of the same , with all Schooles  
learnyng . Beholde all those that bee  
flyted with any kynde of Crosse , that they

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ye profitte by thy correction in newnesse  
pse. ~~as in~~ ~~to be added~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~beginning~~  
Lastly, for our selues heare gathered to-  
ther, wee hartilye crav at thy handes,  
it would please thee to make vs thank-  
vnto thy Maestie, for all thy louing-  
dnesse shewed vnto vs euene from our  
ancie: especiallye, that thou hast this  
sent nighte delyuered vs from all dann-  
ers both of body and soule, wherinto many  
we fallen, as we into lyke manner should  
be done, if we had not bene stayed with  
thy mercifull hande: that thou hast also  
auanted vnto vs so swete and comfortable  
te, and haste nowe presentlye brought  
to the beginning of this daye. For these  
inges, good Lord, wee yeilde vnto the  
oste hartie thankes, beseeching thee to  
ake vs more & more dayly thankfull vnto  
thy Maestie for them, and pardon our vn-  
ankfulness. And as thou hast safely pre-  
sued vs vnto this present howre from all  
daungers of this life: so we beseech thee  
continus thy sauour towardes vs this day,  
to the whole course of our life. Defend  
, O Lord, that we nowe entring into  
affaires of this day, be not drawn alay  
th the vaine allurements of this world, to

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## Godly priuate prayers

Sinne and wickednesse: that we walke  
in the shaddowe of death , that we bee  
untangled in the snares of sinne , that  
umble not at the blockes of iniquitie,  
we finallye fall not into the pytte of  
and destruction: but being shadowed by  
thy winges , we maye chearefullly and  
merrily goe on forwarde to the ende of  
course. Graunt unto vs, O Lorde our G  
that this good tyme whiche thou graunt  
unto vs in this lyfe, be not idely, or vaine  
of vs consumed, but that euerye one of  
maye be diligently exercised in his call  
this daye, and all our lyfe long , being as  
red that thou wylt once call vs to yeld  
account of our Stewardshippe: inde  
we beseeche thee, with those gyftes and  
ces which be needful for vs in our call  
and that with a pure and sincere conser  
we maye vse them to the benefite of  
Brethren , and discharge of our owne  
sciences, before thy Maiestie . We besee  
thee, O Lorde, that in all our consultation  
wordes & workes this daye, and the whole  
course of our lyfe , we maye alwayes ha  
thee present before our eyes, knowing that  
thou seest euен the very deepe thoughts  
our hertes , which alwayes maye bea

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able to pull vs backe , that we neyther  
nor yet consent vnto any sinne or wic-  
hesse : but that alwayes we maye be so-  
cised in the affayres of this lyfe , that  
we keepe styl to the ende of our course, when  
all please thee to bring vs through the  
trimage of this lyfe to our everlasting  
with thy deare Sonne Jesus Christ  
Saviour . In whose name for these  
cies & whatsoeuer thou knowest to be  
nesfull for vs , and for the whole Church ,  
praye vnto thee , as he him selfe hath  
told vs in his holy worde , saying : Day  
her which art . &c .

The Lord blesse vs and save vs , the  
Lord make his face to shyne vpon vs , and  
mercifull vnto vs , the Lord turne his  
marble countenaunce tolwarde vs , and  
sent vs his peace . The grace of our  
Sone Jesus Christ , the loue of God the  
Father , and the most comfortable fellowship  
of the holye Ghoste be with vs , pre-  
serves and keeps vs this daye and evermore .

Eucharist

## Godly priuate prayers

Sinne and wickednesse: that we walke  
in the shaddowe of death , that we bee  
intangled in the snares of sinne , that we  
stumble not at the blockes of iniquitie,  
we finallye fall not into the pykke of death  
and destruction: but being shadowed vnder  
thy winges , we maye chearefullly and con-  
stantly goe on forwarde to the ende of our  
course. Graunt unto vs, O Lorde our God  
that this good tyme whiche thou graunted  
unto vs in this lyfe, be not idly, or vainer  
of vs consumed, but that euerye one of us  
maye be diligently exercised in his calling  
this daye, and all our lyfe long , being as-  
red that thou wylt once call vs to yelde an  
accoumpt of our Stewardshippe: indeu-  
re we beseeche thee, with those gyftes and gr-  
aces which be needefull for vs in our calling  
and that with a pure and sincere consciencie  
we maye vse them to the benefite of our  
Brethren , and discharge of our owne con-  
sciences, before thy Maiestie . We beseech  
thee, O Lorde, that in all our consultations  
wordes & workes this daye, and the whole  
course of our lyfe , we maye alwayes haue  
thee present before our eyes, knowing that  
thou seest enen the very deepe thoughtes  
our hertes , which alwayes maye be as-

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nable to pull vs backe , that we neyther  
nor yet consent vnto any sinne or wic-  
conesse : but that alwayes we maye be so-  
ercised in the affayres of this lyfe , that  
we loke styl to the ende of our course, wher-  
hall please thee to bring vs through the  
grimage of this lyfe to our euerlasting  
l with thy deare Sonne Jesus Christ  
& Sauour . In whose name for these  
mercies & whatsoeuer thou knowest to be  
desfull for vs , and for the whole Church ,  
praye vnto thee , as he him selfe hath  
gft vs in his holy worde , saying : Dny  
ther which art . &c .

The Lorde blesse vs and save vs , the  
Lorde make his face to shyne vpon vs , and  
mercifull vnto vs , the Lorde turne his  
counterable countenaunce towarde vs , and  
bent vs his peace . The grace of our  
Sone Jesus Christ , the loue of God the  
Fther , and the most comfortable fellowship  
ope of the holye Ghoste be with vs , pre-  
serve and keepe vs this daye and euermore .

Euening

## Godly priuate prayers

## **Evening prayer for priuate houſeſ and Families.**

2001, 2002 and 2003 according to the new definition.

**O** Gracious God and louning Father  
As in the begynning of the mornynge  
prayer, reading so forth, tyll ye come to  
marke.†‡ Then reade this followinge  
the Euening.

Lastly, for our selues here gathered, we  
render most hartie thankes to thy Maiestie,  
O Lorde, which hast hyferto frō our in-  
cōtrie, preserved vs by thy miercie from all  
ryls and daungers both of soule and bo-  
dye. Wherewnto frayle man is subiect, that thou  
hast sent vnto vs all thinges necessary  
in this present lyfe, as health, fode, apparel  
and such lyke, whiche many of thy dāre chil-  
dren doo want, being notwithstanding  
previously bought with the precious blōde  
thy dāres sonne, as we be, and yet lyue in  
terre and calamity, oppresed with poore  
nakednesse, imp̄isonement & banishment  
in which case also, dāre Father, thou mi-  
test hane brought vs, saue onely that  
dealeſt herein moze fauourablye with  
then with them. For the which thy lo-  
kindnesse we geue thee hartie thankes.

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ing ther , that as thou hast hytherfo thus  
mercifulye in mercy preserved vs by thy  
protection, and euен presently this day hast  
brought vs past all daungers thereof: so we  
eseech thee good Lord, in lyke fauour behold  
us this night , that we taking our naturall  
rest and quietnesse may through thy protec-  
tion bee defended , that our bodies resting,  
our soules maye be occupied in beholding  
thy fauour and mercie toward thy children,  
vill looking for the comming of our Lord  
and Saviour Jesu Christe for our full re-  
mption. Graunt that our sleepe be not im-  
moderate, according to the lust of our fleshe,  
but as much as is sufficient to refresh the our  
flesh nature : that being thus refreshed,  
the body and the minde may bee more  
le to do they; severall office & function , in  
auocation wherin thou hast placed vs.

Graunt that we laying our bodies downe  
rest, maye be thereby put in minde of our  
rest of death: that as we do nowe laye  
downe our bodies in bedde , so we maye bee  
thereby admonished , that hereafter they  
will be layde downe in graue , to bee consu-  
med to duste, earth, and ashes, from whence  
they were taken : That wee having this  
before our eyes , maye bee styrred uppe in  
minde

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minde warely to walke in this our pil-  
mage , not knowing when the tyme shal  
of our departure, but always to be foun-  
ready with our lampes of pure faith clea-  
lye burning , that we maye be accepted  
make the Bridegrome . When our mortal  
earthly, and corruptible bodies shalbe mi-  
lyke to the glorious body of our Lorde  
vniour Christ Jesu, there to raigne with  
in perpetual ioy & consolation together  
at the elect children of God, continually  
ding with al heauenly multitude the glo-  
rous Maestie of thee our Lord God and he-  
uenly Father , in our Lorde and Savoir  
Jesu Christ. For these and whatsoever  
thou knowest to be needfull for vs and  
whole Church, we pray vnto thee, as he  
selfe hath taught vs, saying: Our Father.

The Lord blesse vs and save vs, the Lord  
make his face to shine vpon vs, and be  
ful vnto vs : the Lord turne his fauour  
counseilance vnto vs, and graunt vs  
peace. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the loue of God the Father , and the  
comfortable fellowship of the holy gospell  
be with vs, preferue and kepe vs this day  
and euermore. Amen.

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for Christian Families.

A prayer to be saide before the studying  
or reading of holie Scripture.

Heauenly Father, whatsoeuer I am,  
whatsoever I haue, whatsoever I  
know, it is only by thy grace: For by nature  
am the childe of wrath, & I am not borne  
of the ewe of flesh and bloud, neither of the seede  
of man, nor of the wyll of man. Flesh & bloud  
can not reueale the mysteries of thy heauen-  
ly kingdom vnto me: but by thy blessed  
spirit I am that I am, and by the same know  
what I know. Therefore, O Father, do I  
committ into thy handes only, my saluation.  
My knowledge be small, yet I doubt no-  
thing but that I am the childe of thy cuer-  
ing kingdom: and therefore by thy might-  
y power I shall grow (when it shall be thy  
dwyyl and pleasure) to a more full & riper  
knowledge, as of a more perfect age, wherinto  
my faith shal be fully able to comprehend &  
receiu the breadth, depth, heighth & large-  
esse of thy great mercies and gracious pro-  
mes. But seeing, O Father, this power of  
knowledge & perfect revelation, passeth  
power naturall, and remaineth onely in  
the power, & the light of thy spirite: O Lord  
then whatsoeuer it shall please thee, to

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open vnto mee and all the rest of thine  
seruautes & children, depending vpon th  
so much of the light of thy countenaunce  
may be most so; thy glory and our com  
yea, & at such tyme as shall seeme god to  
wisdome and fatherly mercy. In the mea  
whyle thus resting wholy vpon thee, neith  
can I despayre, neyther wyll I be so  
carefull, although I can not attayne to  
knowledge of many of thy wo;kes, neyther  
to the vnderstanding of many places of  
scriptures. But I wyl confesse vnto the  
weakenesse of my faith, wayking alway  
for y further revealing of thy glorioius li  
to bæ vttered vnto mee thy poore seruan  
Whē thou shalt thinke (of thy fatherly ber  
violence & goodnesse) meeke and conaucie  
I knowing most assuredlye that thou w  
pittie my weake imbicillitie and chydell  
infancie, and cause the same to serue for  
glory, & my great commodity: seeing that  
erre as a childe before such a Father, who  
canst not put off thy fatherly pittie and com  
passion, but rather as thou hast bought me  
vnto thæ, to be an heire of thy kingdomel  
the blood of thy natural Sonne my Savio  
Jesus Christ: so am I sure that thou w  
lyghten mee in the ende with full fruition.

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The bright light of thy countenance, that I  
may see thee & knowe thee as this thy sonne  
dwelth there yes, for they & knowe thee my  
other face to face, and know thee as I am  
nowen. Thus rest I onely in thy handes  
O my God) craning of thee to increase my  
knowlidge in the holy word, whereby I may  
bowe thy good wyl and pleasure . And  
owing the same, geue me . O Lorde thy  
ly happyneſſe to condicte and leade me in the  
me al the daies of my life, that in sincerity  
faith, and purenesse of lyning and conuer-  
tion, thy glazious Maieſtie bee magnified  
me for euer. Graunt this, O Father, for  
ydeereley beloued Sonne our ſaviour Je-  
ſuſ Chrift, to whom with thee and the holy  
hōſt, be all honour, glory and praise, world  
thout ende. Amen.

## Praiers and thankesgiving to be ſaide before and after meate.

### Praier before meate.

O Lorde God and Heauenlye Father,  
in thy beloued Sonne Iesuſ Chrift,  
worke in our harts true repentaunce;  
ith increaſe of a true & lively fayth: make  
thankfull unto thy Maieſtie for all thy  
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benefites which we continually receyved  
thy merciful hand: graunt vs the grace, that  
we may at this present with thankful hart  
as from thy handes receyue meat & drinke  
for the sustentacione of our bodies, with in-  
deration vse them to thy glory, and through  
thy blessing, receive by them perfect noui-  
tient: and aboue al we crave at thy hand,  
good Lord, the heauenly soule of our soules  
whiche never perideth: that through thy  
gracious goodnesse, we maye be nourished  
strengthened both in soule & body to eterna-  
litye, through Iesus Christe our Saviour,  
Amen.

## Thankesgiving after meate.

**E**ternal God, and mercifull Father, we  
yield unto thee most hartie thanks for  
thy benefites so plentifull bestowed vpon  
vs: especially that thou hast at this presen-  
tyme fedde and nourished our mortall bodies with  
meate and drinke: we beseeche thee in like  
manner let our soules feele the swete taste  
of thy heauenly foode, that we being fedde  
nourished at thy hands, both in soule & body  
may in this life walke as it becommeth  
chilauen, & in the life to come, be received  
thine eternall Kingdome of glory, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

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O Mercifull and Heauenly Father, who  
greatest foode to every lineing creature, &  
without whom nothing can live, blesse and  
sanctifie our meates and drinke, which we  
are nowe about to receyue, that they maye  
turne to the nourishment of our bodyes,  
where unto thou hast appointed them: that  
we acknowledging thy gracie and goodness  
in providing so liberallye for our bodyes,  
may with chearefull hartes be lifted up ear-  
nestly to long after the foode of our soules,  
wherby we may be fedde eternally through  
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A thankesgiving after meate.

O Heauenly Father, for these thy benefits  
wherwith thou hast now sufficiëntly fed  
our bodyes, we beseech thee make vs thanks-  
ful: And as we feele the swæteneesse of them  
pleasant to our bodies: so we beseeche thee,  
good Lord, that the foode of our soules maye  
be as pleasant & comfortable vnto our soules,  
and yvs may with as careful hartes prouide  
for the nourishment of our soules, as we are  
careful for our bodies, tyl it shall please thy  
Majestie to bring vs to the place, where we  
shal never hunger nor thirst more, but lyue  
eternally through Christ our saviour. Amen.

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A Praier before meate.

**O** Lord our God and heauenlye Father,  
which hast provided meate and drinke  
for the nourishment of our bodies, geue us  
grace to vse them reverently as from thy  
handes with thankful hartes. And as we are  
greatly hunger and thy seete for this foode in  
our bodies, so we beseech thee, good Lord, that  
our soules maye earnestly hunger after thy  
lyke foode and nourishment, that with ear-  
nest minds we maye seeke to haue our soule  
fedde & refreshed eternally, through our on-  
ly Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A thanksgiving after meate.

**W**ondrous is thy prouidence, O Lord,  
in prefering all lyuynge creatures.  
Grant vs grace we beseech thee, that with  
thankfull hartes we maye acknowledge thy  
bountifull goodnesse, so liberally geuing vs  
to vs all thinges needful: especially feeding  
vs so plentifull at this present with thy mu-  
nifolde blessings whereof a great many of  
our brethren are destitute, as in like manner  
we should be, if thou biddest not deale more  
liberally with vs: grant vs therfore, gra-  
tious Lord, that we maye be thankful for  
this thy goodnesse, & to be mindfull of them,  
which haue not such abundance to relis-

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for Churche of Christ  
hem: that being all members of one body,  
he maye at length raigne with our beadle  
Christ, to whome bes all honour and glorie  
world without ende.

Amen.

thankesgiving after the receaving of our  
bodilie sustenaunce, and reading of some part  
of Gods holy word our spirituall foode.

O Lord our God the onely gener of al good  
gyftes, who of thy great mercies hast  
made vs partakers both of the Heauenlye  
gyftes of thy holy word, to ferde our minds,  
and of thine earthly creatures for the neces-  
arie sustenaunce of our weake boddys;  
raunt we beseeche thet that through thy  
grace, these thy gyftes may be made perfect  
into vs: gene strength vnto our meate, that  
it may be our healthful nourishment, not so  
made in vs any carnall desire of our vaine  
yfe, but to enable our bodies to all god  
worke during the tymie of this present pil-  
grimage, that so thy good creatures maye be  
our god relife, so long as thou wylt, and so  
much as thou knowest to be expediet for vs  
thy seruantes, to finishe our daies which thou  
hast numbered, in the edifying of thy Saints,

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and glorifying of thy holy Spalte. And be-  
cause (O Lord) we knowe nothing of ou-  
selues, but our ignorant hartes are full  
darknesse, therefore we beseech thee that thy  
word (which is thine eternal wisdom)  
that nowe we haue read, (and wherein we  
haue had our conference) maye bee in our  
minded a shewing byght of thine only truthe,  
and in our daies a fruicful seide of our new  
byrth, so that thine owne Image maye be  
happily againe restaured in vs, and we ma-  
ye made before thee a holye and ryghteous  
people, by the inward working of thy gra-  
tious spirite, dayly strengthening our harts  
in earnest loue of thy truthe, and careful  
obedience of thy commandements, through  
Jesus Christ our onely Mediator, who in  
the sacrifice of his divine body, hath purchas-  
ed unto vs at thy fauour, and hath gauen us  
this boldnesse to call vpon thee: unto whom  
(O Father) with thee and the holy Ghost, in  
honour & glory, world without ende. Amen.

**A** Prayer for all mynes.  
**O** Lord God Father of Mercie, and God of  
all consolation, without whome we haue  
neither hope nor comfort, we poore wretche-  
& myserable sinners beseech thee of thy boun-  
ther

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erly goodnesse to looke vpon vs, & so make  
vs partakers of thy gratioues goodnesse,  
that we may styl increase in all goodnesse, so  
that euermore we may set forth thine honor  
glorie: let our conuersation be such, that a  
reat many beholding our goddworks, may  
lorifie thare heavenly Father: and so di-  
ct our wyses, that we may hold forth the  
professiōn of thy Gospell as a Lanthorne to  
lyghten the steppes of a great many, that  
they may turne to thee, and praise thy name  
in theyr visitation. Thus (O Lord) we be-  
rich to deale with vs, that in daede we may  
e vesseiles of honour vnto thee, nowe to set  
forth the prayse of thy name, and after this  
transitorie life, to behold thy gloriy, who hast  
immortallity alone, and dwellest in lyght,  
that no man hath approched vnto: remoue  
arre from vs our sinnes & iniquities, that  
they may not separat betwene vs and thee:  
lotte out of vs our offences, and make our  
ayers ryghteous, that thou mayst fauor-  
ably graunt cur requestes: looks vpon vs  
with thy fauourable mercy, that thou maist  
ave pittie vpon vs, and beholde vs in the  
righteousnesse of thy beloued Sonne Christ  
Iesu, & that we may be presented faultlesse  
vnto thy sight: and thou accepting vs as holy.

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We maye finde the grace enermore to sett  
forth thine honour & glory , and to speake  
thy prayses in the middes of all thy people  
Let vs loue ( O Lord ) the thinges that are  
good, and hate the thinges that are euyl: let vs  
delyght in all thinges that may please thee  
and let vs bee grieved with wha tsoever  
displeasaunt in thy sight . And to the intent  
we may haue true vnderstanding & bothe  
to discerne betwene things, what is good  
euyl, we beseech thee let thy word dwel plen-  
tisfully in vs, which maye guide our vnder-  
standings so, y we may abound in al know-  
ledge, & do according to that which is right-  
ous. And in this estate of true Christianitie  
being instructed in mind, and ready in body  
to all holy obedience, we beseeche thee make  
vs to growe & increase from grace to grace  
from faith to faith, vntyll we come vnto the  
fullnesse of age to be perfect members of the  
body of Christ, wayling for the blessed bo-  
dy of thine electe, and sighing in spypole vntyll  
the tyme that thy children shalbe revealed  
In the meane seaso let vs sigh with al them  
that haue received the first fruits of thy  
rite, that these dayes of unne maye cease  
that satan be troden downe vnder feete, the  
antichrist maye bee revealed, yet to man  
thousand

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setts thousands that be in ignorance, y<sup>e</sup> the number  
of thine elect may be ful, the body of thy  
Saints made perfect, al teares wyped front  
our eyes, even than when the Sonne shall  
bearre againe the second tyme to iudge the  
lasse and the dead, which tyme (O Lorde)  
be quickly, according to thy good wiyl, and  
such vs to pray with all thy Saints. Come  
ye de Jesu, come quickly: graunt this (O  
ther) for thy sonnes sake, in whose name  
we praye vnto thee. And although we bee  
t earth and ashes, yet we are bolde to say  
to thee, (the God of all Glory) even as bee  
th taught vs. Our Father which art in  
heauen, &c.

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A Praier for all Estates.

Lord God Father of lights, with whome  
is no chaunge, neyther yet shadowe of  
change, but hast established thine appointed  
ansels, which shall not be chaunged for e-  
ver: thou (O God) hast made among vs this  
versitie of estates & degrées, according as  
very comon wealth requireth, keepe vs al,  
we beseech the, y<sup>e</sup> we may walke obediently  
our calling, and folloue the steppes that  
thou

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thou hast set before vs, ene from the high  
to the lowest, let vs accomplithe that due  
vnto which thou hast appoynted vs ,  
with a faythfull remembraunce of thy p  
wise made of olde to our Father Abraham  
that thou art his exceeding great rewarder  
we may lykewise depend on thy prouidence  
and seeke not any shamesfull wayes to get  
our lyving , wandering from the righter  
nesse of our vocation, into the manifolde  
rois of sinne and iniquitie: loke vpon vs  
Lorde) and intrich vs with thy grace, m  
vs obedient to our inferiors, meete toward  
our enemies, faithfull to our sciendes, fr  
and iust towardes all men , that we ma  
dwell stedfastly rooted in the hope of thine  
lect, vntyl thou make an ende of al  
labours : loke vpon our most excelle  
Quene, and her Honourable Counsel, &  
thou hast called them to the highest ro  
so gene unto them the greatest measures  
grace, that they faithfully dispence the  
lentes committed unto them : leade the  
with the good king Dauid into thy Ban  
arie, that they maye see thy louing kindnes  
which is better then life , and saye with  
Prophete: All flesh is grasse, and the glori  
man is as the flower of the field, and soon  
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erate them selues to do thy wyl, offer thy  
eyz bodies to be holy, lively, & reasonable  
crisces vnto thée, that they may be nurses  
and nurssathers vnto thy Church: tooke also  
we beseech thée vpon thy Ministers whome  
ou hast appointed to the preaching of thy  
ospell, make them (O God) faithfully dis-  
ensers of thy mysteries, without respect of  
personnes, to do the wo:ke vnto the which  
ou hast appointed them, that they maye  
suert sinners, & haue theyz glory perfecc  
the day of Chri:st: and knyt vs together in  
ace and loue, that they may be ful of com-  
mion one towardes another, to rejoyce  
ith them that rejoyce, and mourne with  
em that mourne, especially to instruct one  
other in the wayes of righeteousnelle, that  
our mutual helps we may y better with-  
inde our enemie, and dwell, safe in hope of  
ine elect, tyll our dayes shalbe full, and we  
all walke in the wayes of all the worlde,  
whiche time we beseech thee bring vs happily  
to, euен for thy Sonnes sake we beseech  
thee, to whome with thee, and the holy ghost,  
are personnes and one God, be all honour  
and glorie nowe and for euermore, Amen.  
men.

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## Godly priuate prayers

A fountaine of Morning praier necessarie  
in this present time for Godlie Christians, to use  
in their houses and Families.

W<sup>e</sup> most humblye thanke thee ( O  
venyly Father ) for the sweete and qui-  
rest that we haue had this night, for the  
ving and favourable deliueraunce out of  
daungers both of bodie and soule, which  
instylē deserue to be shewne into so  
manifolde sinnes : for that thou hast ray-  
vs vp this morning, we praye thee to go  
fore vs: and forasmuch as thou seest our si-  
gishnesse and drowsinesse , it woulde please  
thee ( good Lord ) to pull vs after thee, and  
shewe vs those wayes , which thou hast  
pointed vs to walke in. And as thou rem-  
this morning, so renue thy mercies: and  
thou causest the sunne comfortably to shyn  
to our bodily eyes, so bouchsafe ( we pray  
thee) to be shonne unto our bodies and  
soules, by the beames of thy holy Spypit  
and Starre of thy blessed Worde , shyn-  
ing into the middes of our harts, to dispise all  
all the night and darknesse of all prophane-  
nesse : to chase away all want of true fa-  
th of thy god Maiestie ; and in place ther-

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ing in loue towardes thy Glorye, & sale of  
thy House, loue also towards our brethren:  
speciallye those that thou aboue the rest  
commendeſt vnto vs, that we maye loue  
hem with that loue, wherwithall thou hast  
first loued vs: which is pure, vncorrupte,  
chement, and euerlasting: and therefore  
we pray thee to rydde our harts of al naugh-  
tē and corrupte loue, and whatsoever is  
unmeet to bee in those vesselles that are to  
rue such a mighty Prince as thou art: and  
those houses wherein it pleaseſt thy Ma-  
tie by thy holy Spirite to dwel: and ther-  
e on the other syde ( good Lord ) chace a-  
way from vs al rancoꝝ and malice, al pride,  
viciousnesse, disdainfulnesse, vncharitable-  
tie, vnnaturalnesse, vnkindnesse, & what-  
ever is contrarie to that loue, whereof  
thou hast geuen vs a lively example in our  
good Iesus Ch̄ist: vnto þ which example,  
aut(good Lord) that we may alwaies haue  
reyes lyfted vp, and therein holden, and  
used thereby to profitte, vntyl ſuch time as  
we come into that perfectioꝝ, wherunto thou  
ſt appointed we shall come. Woulchesafe  
we ouer by the comming of the ſelfe same  
rite, to ſcatter in vs all the night & dark-  
neſſe of ignorance, & forgetfulnesse, and of  
all

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all those thinges which pertaine to the cl  
rer and fuller knowledge of thy truth, Læ  
from vs al negligence, al want of iudgemen  
and discretion, and delyuer vs from al tho  
thinges, which thou knowest to be hinderan  
ces to vs, eyther to walke in that great ki  
ng of Christianitie wher unto thou hast  
called vs, or in those severall and particuler  
callings wherin thou hast placed every one  
of vs : that we maye walke so (good Lord)  
both in the one & in the other, that thy name  
maye be gloryfied in both. Amen.

## Euening Praier.

O Lorde prepare our hartes to pray, boun  
downe thine eares (dære Father) and  
heare vs, open thine eyes and loke vpon vs  
for thy dære sonne Jesus Christes sake, and  
receive our humble confession that we make  
to thee against our selues, which haue bin  
all thy lambs, and therefore deserue to haue  
thy hearie iudgementes pouzed vpon  
heads to our vtter destruction, if thou shoul  
dest enter into iudgement with the least  
of our sinnes, whereof we haue so great  
infinite shoulandes : notwithstanding, we  
praye to thee to turne away thy face from  
our unnes, and for Jesus Christes sake  
forget

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geue vs all that is past, and graunt that  
we may have the assurance of the forgivene-  
ss of our sinnes, sealed vp by thy Holyc  
rite in our cosciences, whereby we kno-  
wing that wee are at one with thee, maye  
our harts kindled with thy loue so fer-  
nly, as it maye walke in vs all that is ag-  
inst thy holy wyl. And for this cause we  
sche thes. Lorde, to goe forwarde in the  
wke of our new bygth, that thou hast be-  
n in vs, and never take away thy hande,  
tyll such time as thou hast made an ende  
it; and to this ende, we beseech thes to day  
vs every day, more & more, the olde man  
th his cōcupisances, nayling them to the  
olle of thy deere Sonne Jesus Christ: and  
using vs to feele the power of his passion  
our bodies and in our soules, that wee be-  
partakers thereof, may come also to the  
lowhippe of his resurrection: not onely  
that we shall once appearre before thee,  
using these our base bodies chaunged, and  
made lyke vnto his Gloriosus body, but also  
that we maye in the meane tyme ryse from  
the death of sinne to al nacionesse of lyfe, and  
that our good wōke maye so shine before  
men, that they seeing them may glorifie thes  
our Heauenly Father: not onely they that

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are of the selfe same religion with vs, but  
those also that are enemies unto thy truthe  
may rather in the time of theyz calling by  
voynce of thy Gospell, yeld them selues to  
one sheepfold with vs. And we most humbly  
thankē thee (O heauenly Father) for all thy  
loving kindnesseis bestowed vpon vs from  
tyme to tyme , and especially for that olde  
auncient Loue , wherewithall thou hast  
ued vs before the begynning of the world  
for that also y thou calling vs by the voynce  
thy holy Gospell in that good tyme that thou  
appointedst for vs,hast ginen vs faith,hope  
and loue , and all other graces which thou  
knowest to bee needesfull for vs : which we  
beseeche thee to increase in vs with mighty  
increases , according to that thou seest we  
haue neide of, having regarde to our man-  
fold enemies,that we haue to wrestle with  
and that wee haue not so striue with flesh  
& bloud, but against the diuels them selues  
And therefore considering theyz strength  
our weaknesse,their craft & our simplicitie  
their watchfulnesse and our fuggitivitie  
their long expeirience & our rawnesse , the  
preparation & our nakednesse, and that  
haue not onely nothing to helpe vs, but  
do carrie about vs our owne cōcupiscencie

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ady to betraye vs into the handes of our  
enemies , it may please thee to furnishe vs  
om aboue , geuing vs the strength of thy  
ly spirite, in the inner man, reaching vnto  
the cōplete harnessse of thy Grace, wher-  
ish we being armed on both sides, may be  
epared to all assaies against al assaules of  
ur enemies . And sozasmuch as in this  
weaknesse we oftentimes geue backe, and  
metimes runne awaie , we praye thee ( O  
Lord) that with the bande of faih, we may  
re holde on the victo:ye of our Saviour  
sus Christ : that albeit we be not able to  
ercome in our own persons, yet notwithstanding  
inding war: maye overcome in his, who  
th overcommed soz vs all , and so be par-  
kers of those promises that thou hast knyt  
to that gloriouse victorie . And we most  
mbye thanke thee also for these graces  
th of the body and soule , which pertaine  
this present lyfe:desiring thee to increase  
em vpon vs , and in vs , so farre forth as  
ou seest we haue neede of to thy glorie, the  
mmeditie of others , and our owne com-  
etes:therefore we beseech thee, Lorde, to  
ache vs with thy holy Spyrte the lawfule  
e of them : that thou wouldest not suffer  
r harts to be roled in them, but that at al-

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tymes we may be wylling to parle in  
them, And whensoeuer it shal please thine  
call for vs, we may wyllingly go vnto  
as children to their deere fathers, stran-  
gers unto their owne Countrey, and mem-  
bers of the body vnto their Heade : and  
much the gladder, by howe much thou  
art better then al the men in the world,  
the kingdome that thou hast prepared,  
ter then all the kingdomes thereto.

An addition to the former morning pra-  
yer in ymme and leasure shall serue.

**V**erage not onely for our selues  
and most merciful Father) but for al thyn  
that thou hast appointed to eternall lyfe  
seaching thy to gather the number of thyn  
that are to be gathered; those that thou  
already calld, thou wouldest always haue  
and for this endc (good Lord) rayse vp full  
Ministers both of thy Church and a  
man weale, whose hartes thou woudest  
with all Graces of thy holy Spirite in  
for thy callings, more also for these dan-  
gerous tymeis & rote out from among  
Church, all taeninge devowing Bell  
which to fyll their owne bellycs, destro-  
stoke; ease thy self of al byzelingis and  
conceit.

Shepheare

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sheards, which haue no care nor skyll to  
ede thy flocke with the holome fode of thy  
essel word, nor to rule them with that e-  
sitle wherewithall thou wylte hane thy  
ople to be ruled: those Pastors that thou  
st genen, it woulde please thee to increase  
the number of them: thole that are fallen a-  
ape & carried awaie with the corruptions  
these tymes, that thou wouldest awake,  
ting them vnderstande the charge that  
ou hast committed vnto them, the frust  
at thou hast put them in, and the accompt  
at thou wylt take at their bandes. Wee  
ations (D Lord) vnto this Land of ours,  
to enter not into iudgement with the hor-  
ble sinnes of it, naming, the contempt and  
right esteeming of thy holy Word, so many  
ures offered vnto vs, & we being trusted  
thall, so many Nations better then wee  
ng passed by, which would haue brought  
the fruite thereof more then we haue  
e: and we not onely haue brought forth  
god fruite, but rotten and unsauory, to  
uoke thy Maiestie withall: notwithstanding  
all these our sinnes, it woulde please thee  
that lone, wherewithall thou hast syrt  
ed vs, when we hated thee, & in that long  
ience wherein thou hast hyther to borne

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With vs, and doest yet beare, and farriest for  
our repentaunce, to graunt vs hartie and  
earnest repentaunce, our hartes being effe-  
tually touched with thy holy Spirite, try-  
king these rocky hartes of ours, that they  
maye bee resolaed into riuers of teares for  
our sinnes, making them softe and meeke to  
receyue the print of thy holy Word, & seal  
of thy blessed Spirite, wryting with thy  
finger thine owne Lawes in them, so that  
thou maist reade thine owne hand, acknowl-  
edge thine owne seale, and so passe by vs.  
When thou shalt bring thy iudgement vpon  
the face of the Earth, for the iniquities ther-  
of: whereof thou hast geuen, and styl geuen  
from tyme to time diuers tokens, which we  
beseeche thee maye bee profitable vnto vs.  
Whiles first of al we acknowledge thy hand  
tryking vs, and thy counsell callyng vs  
thereby to repentaunce, that thy heauenly  
iudgements do not fall vpon vs to our  
bitter destruction.

Moreover, we thanke thee (O Lorde) for  
that it hath pleased thee to be the watchman  
and as it were the spye of this Churche and  
Common wealth, and hast foreseen all the  
Stormes, and treasons comming against  
us against thine annointed our Soueraign

Whom

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I come thou in mercie hast appointed to rule  
over it, and hast scattered them and brought  
them to nought, and hast pursued certaine  
of thine enemyes and ours unto death, be-  
seeching thee to continue this watchfull and  
carefull eye ouer vs, styll to do vs good, and  
to pursue the rest of thine enemies and ours  
unto the graue: geuing notwithstanding  
repentaunce unto them, vnto whome thou  
hast left place of repentaunce. And so this  
ende, rayse vp the hertes of our most grati-  
ous Queene & her honourable Counsell thy  
Magistrates, that as they sytte in thy seate,  
and are called by thy Name, so they maye  
recute thy iustice, which shou so wel appre-  
sent of. whereof also thou wylt require a  
traight account at their handes. We  
desire the also to shewe these thy Graces to  
all other Churches of thine, namelye thy  
church of Scotlande, that it may enjoy that  
peace that thou hast geuen it: and graunt that  
same be referred to y ende wherfore thou  
hast geuen it: namely, to the full establish-  
ment of the throne of thy deere Sonne our  
saviour Jesus Christ, and to the buylding  
of his Kingdome there. We beseeche thes  
so for the Churches, which thy hande hath  
anted long since: especiallye those, from  
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Whome we haue receaved knowledge in  
tyme of our ignorance, places of refuge in  
time of persecution: that it woulde please thee  
to continue thy louing kindnesse towarde  
them, and therefore cause them to continu  
their faith towarde thee, and obedience to  
wardes thy holy Word. And whensoeuer  
shalbe thy pleasure, to trye them with an  
kynde of affliction, it woulde please thee  
graunt unto them, that they maye put their  
trust in thee, hauing regarde to the trueth  
of thy promises, and to the good experiance  
they haue of thy helpe in times past, & thereby  
conceyue comfort and hope (O Lorde) em  
of lyfe in death, and of Saluation in destruc  
tion. We pray thee also (good Lorde) that we  
may haue the faeling of the mysteries of our  
Brethren, as members of the same body,  
and those that lyue by the same Spyrite.  
And therefore we pray thee, that according  
to the manifolde troubles that thou shalt be  
site them with, it woulde be thy good plea  
sure, to measure out thy grace in such plen  
tifull manner, that thy children maye pati  
ently beare, and ioysfully attend, for the go  
dosome wherein thou wylt pull them out  
all their troubles. And especially we pray  
thy Maiestie for our Brethren that are  
anoynted

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lized for thy Gospell sake : namely, those  
that suffer imprisonment or otherwise in  
my Nation , for the clearer testimonie of  
it: that it woulde please thee to geue them  
patience in all their troubles, wisdome and  
nouthes to defende thy cause , against all  
those that ryse vp against it: that thou woul-  
dest blesse their travells & sufferings for that,  
or which they are taken: which is, to geue a  
rær course of thy Gospell into all places.

And therewithall we beseeche thee for the  
Churches of Fraunce & Flaunders , which  
re so miserably racked and torne in sunder,  
and which are almost consumed with these  
very tryalles : that it woulde please thee to  
ooke vpon their sighinges and groaneinges,  
the teares that fall from their eyes continu-  
ally, the bloud that is shed in all partes of the  
lande , the bodyes that lye vnburied, to bee  
neare to the Fowles of the ayre , & fyshes  
of the see , the lonenesse of wifes lacking  
their husbands, children their Fathers, and  
very friend his friend. And forasmuch as  
those thinges are come vpon them for thy  
names sake , let it bee thy god pleasure to  
elpe them, consydering that they are forsa-  
ken of all theyr friendes rounde about : and  
therefore praye thee that thou wouldest not  
ooke

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ooke vpon our sinnes , nor the sinnes of oure  
forefathers, whereby we deserue not onely  
this correctiō, but vter destruciō, as Sodom  
& Gomarra: but rather to looke vpō thy me-  
cies which were before them: whereby thou  
hast sayde, that although wee do offend, and  
thou doest correct vs, yet thou wylt not take  
awaye thy mercies from vs, but wylt leauē  
a remnaunt which thou wylt multiply, and  
make as the Starres of the Heauen , and  
as the sandes of the See . Looke also (O  
Lord) vpon the outrageouesnesse and crue-  
tie, vnsaythfulnesse, and blasphemie, of the  
enemies , wherewithall they blasphemē  
thee, and provoke thee to thy face , and there-  
fore in thine owne cause, and for thine owne  
sake , take the matter into thine own  
handes , and paye into the bosome of thine  
enemies double and treble of that they han-  
geuen to thee . Notwithstanding, those  
mongst them, that belong to thine holy elec-  
tiō, hasten their calling, that afterwardst  
iudgement may hasten vpon the earth, and  
the inhabitauntes thereof maye learnē  
knowe thee by thy iudgements, that woul-  
not understande and come to thee , by thy  
louing calling of the Gospell . Wee pray  
thee (O Lord) for our bretheren that are by  
armes

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times in both those countreyes : that thou  
bouldest goe before them , & come behynde  
hem, and on euery side of them: couer their  
eads in the day of battel, teach their hands  
to fight, & their fingers to warre: gene them  
wisedome & valiauntnesse, and good successe  
in all theyr enterpryses: Cryke a dyssaines  
maaze of spirite into their enemies harts,  
and take away from them all force, and dis-  
poynt al their counsels. And vpon our bre-  
thren in flanders, we beseech thee that thou  
bouldest comfort them ouer al the troubles  
that they haue receyued , and breaches that  
aue been made in vpō them: & where there  
re newe forces every daye gathered, newe  
wrights inuented to destroye thei, it maye  
lease thee, to scatter their forces, and bring  
their sleights to nothing. Yea graunt also (O  
Lorde) that that which they haue devised  
against thy children, maye come vpon theyr  
owne headdes . And for our brethren in  
fraunce wee beseeche thee (O Lorde) what  
wrightes soever they be in , thou bouldest  
cliner them: & although they be forsaken in  
the iudgement of all the wrold, and in their  
owne iudgements, notwithstanding, thou g̃  
est the issues of death in thine owne hands,  
slyuer those that are appointed to death.

And

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And finally weé most humbly thanke the  
for that it hath pleased thee to keepe vs thys  
daye, and al the dayes & times of our lyues:  
beseeching the, that thou wouldest receyue  
vs this night into thy holy keeping, that we  
may haue quiet rest, not of bodies alone, but  
of our soules also , resting from all these  
thinges that are contrary to thy holy Wyll,  
attending whyle thou rysest vs vp in the  
morning, to do al those thinges that thou hast  
appointed vs. These thinges we desyre of  
thee, & al other thinges (which thou knowest  
to be more needfull for vs , and thy whole  
Church, better then we our selues do know)  
for Iesus Christes sake : saying the same  
prayer, that hee him selfe hath taught vs.  
Our Father which art. &c.

## A Prayer for the Queene.

O Gracious Lord, and most merciful fa-  
ther, we acknowledge thee the Lord of  
Lordes, and the King of Kinges, creating at  
the beginning, and ruling all thinges ever-  
more in heauen and earth, according to thy  
wonderfull wisdome and power: and our  
selues to bee thy poore seruaunts, the worke  
of thy handes, and the sheepe of thy pasture,  
sacrified to thy Maiestie , and depending

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Upon thy fatherly prouidence for all things.  
Neuerthelesse, seeing thou in thy wisedome  
innoyncest Kinges & Queenes, appoynting  
hem to rule ouer thy people, to sit as Lieu-  
emauntes in thy seate, to minister iustice, &  
most of all, as Fathers & Murses to mayn-  
aine and cherishe thy Church: commanding  
us not onely to obey and honour them, but  
moreouer to pray for them, as watching  
uer vs for our good: we therefore beseeche  
thee for thy great mercies sake, and for Je-  
sus Christes sake, to shewe thy mercie to all  
Kinges and Princes, that mayntaine thy  
glorios Gospell: but especially we pray thee  
to blesse our gratiouse Queene, in all spiritu-  
all blesinges in Christe Jesus, and in all  
temporall blesinges, according to thy god-  
leasure, that in the great measures of thy  
fectuall Lawe she may more & more finde  
reat increases of vertue, and wisedome, &  
strength in Christ Jesus, to the faithful and  
appy discharge of her dutys: that her holy-  
esse, and ioye, and zeale of thy house may  
be multiplied and everlasting.

And, seeing it hath pleased thee of thy sin-  
uler mercie, to geue her this special honer,  
to suffer for thy glorios trueth, and af-  
terwarde myraculously delyvering her out

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of the hands of her enemies, to set a Crown  
vpon her head, and to make her the instru-  
ment to aduance thy gloriy and gespell, for  
which she suffered, & to bring it out of dark-  
nesse into lyght, out of persecution into the  
great and long peace: as we geue thee mo-  
harty thankes for this singular benefite,  
we beseech thee to make her & vs euermore  
thankfull for it, and in thy good pleasure to  
to preserue her for the continuance of the  
blessings towards vs, with al increase from  
tyme to tyme, to thy gloriy, the benefite of  
Church, & her infinite peace in Christ Jesu  
the Prince of Peace. And furthermore we  
pray thee for her, and the estate, that such  
be enemies of the Gospel, & her enemies  
so, for the defence therof, may not despise  
peace offered them to repentaunce, but that  
they may accumpt thy long suffering, the  
peaceable and vnbloodie gouernment &  
occasion of saluation to their soules, and  
faigned loue to the trueth, & their mercifull  
soueraigne. Otherwyse if they styl remain  
disobedient to the trueth, disobedient to  
highnesse, & daungerous to the state, then  
(God of our Saluation) as thou hast discon-  
red them, so discouer them styl, as thou  
prevented them, so prevent them styl, that  
they may becom

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Her eyes ware weary with looking, & their  
arts faint with waþing for the comming  
that, which yet commeth not, neyther let  
come (O Lord) we beseech thee, but a bles-  
s, and a long raigne to her, and peace to  
yon for euermore.

Also (deere Father) so blesse, so loue, so in-  
y Spirite sanctifie and keepe her, that shal  
ay in the Spirite of counsel and fortitude  
rule that other sister also, namely this her  
common wealth, that they may flourish to-  
gether, & grow vp together as Palme trees,  
beauty, and in strength, giveng ayde and  
lpe one to another, that in the Church the  
ory of God may appeare, as the Sunne in  
brightnesse, & that y land may shew with  
ilke, & bonie, and true peace abound ther-  
as in the triumphant raigne of Debora.

These graces (O Lord) are great, and we  
iserable sinners, vnworthy of the least of  
em: therfore looke not to vs but to thy self,  
not to our iniquities but to thy great mer-  
ties, accepting the death and passion of thy  
orne, as a full rausome for all our offen-  
ses: thowwing them into the bottome of the  
sea, and making his crosse and resurrection  
pecual lin vs to all obedience & godlynesse  
becommeth thy Saintes, that to al other

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